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**STATE SCHOOLS CHIEF EASTIN UNVEILS SCHOOLS ELIGIBLE FOR
CERTIFICATED STAFF PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE REWARDS**

SACRAMENTO—State Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin today announced that the California Department of Education (CDE) will release at **12 noon Thursday, February 15**, the names of the schools that meet minimum eligibility requirements to receive Certificated Staff Performance Incentive Act rewards.

The list of 1,346 eligible schools will be posted on the CDE Web site at:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/psaa/awards>

“These schools have shown that with exceptional determination and focus, they are able to demonstrate high academic growth,” Eastin said. “I compliment the more than 1,300 schools that met these stringent criteria.”

The eligible schools will be ranked (within elementary, middle and high school classifications) based on their Academic Performance Index (API) gain, greatest to least. By law, the Certificated Staff Performance Incentive award program is earmarked for certificated staffs at schools that had a statewide API rank in deciles one through five. Only certificated staff at schools showing the greatest gains beyond twice their annual growth target are eligible to receive the award.

It is important to note that out of the 1,346 schools meeting minimum eligibility, the Department estimates that only about 200 elementary schools, 50 middle schools, and 30 high schools will receive the monetary awards. State law allocated \$100 million for this program, divided as follows: Approximately 1,000 certificated staff will receive \$25,000 each; 3,750 certificated staff will receive \$10,000 each, and 7,500 certificated staff will receive \$5,000 each.

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This approximate number may change due to school waivers before the State Board of Education, pending litigation and updated certificated staff numbers.

The Department has cautioned that the litigation challenging eligibility could result in additional schools becoming eligible for the award. These additional schools could affect the rankings substantially, causing schools to be moved to a lower rank. The actual date of the apportionment of the awards, tentatively set for late April or early May, also could be affected.

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